Recaps to Date
06/28: Welcome President Celeste
07/25: Meeting with District Governor
08/08: Induction of Jennifer Tucci
08/15: Induction of Andrew Bard
08/16-8/18: Balloon Festival
09/12: Destination luncheon – The Fortin Group
09/19: Induction of Chris Street
09/29: Fellowship at Ricker Hill Orchards
10/17: Food/money collection for Misfit’s Rehab
10/24: Pints for Polio Night – Gritty’s

Happenings
11/21: Board Meeting – 11:00 a.m. Village Inn
11/28: Thanksgiving – no meeting
12/07: Boston Trip – call Dube’s Travel to reserve your seat on the bus
12/19: Christmas Caroling – 6:00 p.m. – Schooner Estates

4 November Rotary Anniversaries
05: Wendy Russell (2008) 11 years
12: Christine Wilson (2009) 10 years
21: Charles Knight (1974) 45 years
21: Claire Veilleux (1996) 23 years

3 November Birthdays
12: Peter Arsenault
16: Linda Chamberlain
20: Alan Hahnel

November Guest Speakers
07: Gordon Smith – State’s Opioid Response
14: Mike Albert – House in the Woods Military Family Retreat
21: Peter Kowalski – Paul Harris Fellowship

Mike Albert from House in the Woods Military Family Retreat in Lee, Maine spoke about how this non-profit organization came about. Parents of two soldiers who died in Iraq in 2007 – Sgt. Joel House (22) and Sgt. Blair Emery (24) decided to create this program in their memory as they loved the great outdoors. Veterans and family members attend and partake of the great outdoors: bear hunting, deer hunting, kayaking, canoeing, etc. Veterans from 40 states have attended this program. Doug Bowen shared his experiences – he indicated it was a relaxed atmosphere, great food, and lots of activities and it helps create a bond amongst the attendees. The organization receives donations and has various fundraisers during the year that helps keep the program running. The fellowship was invited to visit the facility.

Sue Donovan of Donovan Motors and volunteer/fundraiser for House in the Woods; our guest speaker Mike Albert; and, Doug Bowen a veteran was grateful to be able to share his experiences he had at the House in the woods Military Family Retreat.

50/50 RAFFLE
John O’Malley won the lucky draw and pulled the seven of spades – so close – who will be the lucky person to pull the five of clubs.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Mike Albert’s presentation was very heartwarming – keep up the great work of helping our veterans – hope you can join us next week!